

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 3, in the Brief Description of the Drawings, underneath the sentence starting with "Figure 4B shows ...", please add the following:

Figure 5 shows an embodiment of the present invention.

Figure 6 shows an embodiment of the present invention.

On page 5, first full paragraph, please amend the specification as follows:

FIGURE 2A shows a side view of an assembled crowd control stanchion and FIGURE 2B shows a cross-sectional view of the stanchion of Fig. 2A taken along line B-B. Once the post 40 has been placed over the insert 30 and is in communication with the base 10, the stanchion is ready for final assembly. A bolt 230 is used to engage the two portions 220, 210 of the insert 30 which secures the post to the insert 30 and base 10. The bolt 230 passes vertically through an offset axial opening 250 which forms a lower shaft 265 in the underside of the threaded section 270 of the lower portion 220 of the insert 30 and is threaded into a second offset axial opening 280 in the underside of the upper portion 210. The upper portion 210 and the lower portion 220 are loosely joined by passing the bolt 230 through the lower portion 220 and partially threading it into the upper portion 210. This ensures that one does not have to line up the offset axial opening 250 in the lower portion 220 with the second offset axial opening 280 which forms an upper threaded shaft 260 in the upper portion 210 after the post 40 has already been placed over the insert 30. In an embodiment of the invention, the base further includes a set-screw hole and a set-screw such that, after the insert 30 has been threaded into the base 10, the set-screw is engaged, putting pressure upon the insert

30 so that the insert cannot be unthreaded from the base 10 unless the set-screw is disengaged.

On page 7, first full paragraph, please amend the specification as follows:

In a another embodiment of the present invention, the post 40 further includes a means for dispensing a retractable belt 500 for linking a plurality of stanchions together (as shown in Figure 5), however, other embodiments may include an eyelet from which ropes 600 may be attached with either a hook or snap connector and said ropes 600 may link a plurality of stanchions together (as shown in Figure 6). Still further embodiments may include a molding to which rigid railing may be secured, said rigid railing connecting a plurality of stanchions. In addition, although the post 40 may be generally cylindrical and elongated with a circular cross-section, in alternative embodiments, the post 40 may be square or any other suitable shape.